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SAFWAT H. SHAKIR, PETITIONER

v.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY; TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; STATE OF TEXAS,

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

PETITION FOR REHEARING

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The United States Supreme Court entered an order denying Shakir's petition for a writ of certiorari on December 4, 2006 in the *Shakir v. Prairie View A&M University*, Docket No. 06-139.

Shakir respectfully requests that this Court defer the reconsideration of its decision on the denial of Shakir's petition for a writ of certiorari in light of the pending petition for a writ of certiorari in *Ash v. Tyson Foods, Inc.*, Docket No. 06-706, scheduled for conference on January 19, 2007, because the two cases present substantially identical issues.

Therefore, Shakir requests that the Court's decision on the denial of the petition of a writ for certiorari in the *Shakir v. Prairie View A&M University* case be deferred until the disposition in the *Ash* case is final.

After *Ash v. Tyson Foods, Inc.* has been finally decided, Shakir respectfully requests that, in accordance with *Ash*, *Shakir* be vacated and remanded to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

I, Hak. K. Dickenson certify that this Petition for Rehearing is presented in good faith and not for delay.

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